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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE/AMERICAN NATURALIZATION CONVENTION OF 1908

1. AMCONSUL OPORTO HAS BEEN ASKED ON THREE OCCASIONS LATELY TO "EXPRESS ITS OPINION" ON A PERSON'S RETAINING AMERICAN NATIONALITY IN LIGHT OF THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE III OF THE CONVENTION. IN EACH CASE, THE PERSON HAD COMPLETED TWO YEARS RESIDENCE IN PORTUGAL, BUT THE CONSULATE WAS CONTINUING TO CERTIFY HIM AS AN AMERICAN CITIZEN, WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL.

2. FOR USE BY ALL THREE PORTUGUESE POSTS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S PROVIDING LANGUAGE TO BE USED IN RESPONDING TO SUCH INQUIRIES.

3. THE DIFFICULTY FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW IS THAT USG INTERPRETATIONS OF REVERSION OF NATIONALITY UNDER ARTICLE III USE AN AFROYIM TEST THAT IS NOT CONTAINED IN THE WORDING OF THE CONVENTION. THE GOVERNMENT OF PORTUGAL, OF COURSE, APPLIES NO SUCH STANDARD.

4. THE INCREASING FREQUENCY OF THESE INQUIRIES INDICATES THAT CIVIL REGISTRARS IN NORTHERN PORTUGAL ARE STARTING TO TAKE COGNIZANCE OF THE CONVENTION. THIS HAS NOT BEEN THE CASE IN THE UNCLASSIFIED

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PAST, AND IS STILL NOT THE CASE IN THE LISBON AND PONTA DELGADA CONSULAR DISTRICTS.

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